

The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT)

DANTES Test Centers' Authorization

The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) authorizes military installations with DANTES Test Centers to administer the Basic Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) registration examination.

Background

The National Registry of Medical Technicians was established on 4 June 1970, in response to the recommendation of the President's Committee on Highway Safety that there be a national accreditation agency for the establishment of standards and improvement of ambulance services.

Purpose of the Registry

Specific purposes of the Registry are.

Number	Purpose
1	To promote the improved delivery of emergency medical services by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• assisting in the development and evaluation of educational programs to train EMTs;• establishing qualifications for eligibility to apply for registration;• preparing and conducting examinations designed to assure the competency of EMTs by establishing a system for registration every 2 years;• establishing procedures for revocation of certificates of registration for cause; and• maintaining a directory of registered EMTs.
2	To develop guidelines and programs that assist individuals who have completed EMT programs in raising their level of competence thereby improving emergency medical services.
3	To do any and all things necessary or desirable for the attainment of the purposes stated above.

**Patient/Health
Care Personnel**

The following chart identifies the EMT – Basic registration requirements that involve patient/health care personnel.

Area of Discipline	Area of Discipline
RN	LPN
Surgical Technologist	Laboratory Technologist
X-ray Technician	Orderly
Law Enforcement	Industrial Safety
Military Corpsman (without field service)	Individual Involved in Emergency Ambulance Service
Rescue	Military Field Service
Military Independent Duty	

Description

**EMT
Examinations**

The EMT examination consists of

- a written examination and
 - a practical examination
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**Written
Examination**

The Written Examination (Basic) is based on tasks identified in the EMT-Basic Practice Analysis conducted by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and the 1994 National Standard EMT-Basic Curriculum.

The range of questions in each subtest are:

Subtest	Number of Questions
Patient Assessment Techniques	24-30
Airway and Breathing	24-30
Circulation	22-28
Musculoskeletal, Behavioral, Neurological, and Environmental	21-27
Children and OB/GYN	19-25
EMS Systems, Ethical, Legal Communications, Documentation, Safety and Triage/Transportation	21-27
Total	150

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Practical Examination

DANTES Test Centers are not authorized to administer the practical examination. The requirements of NREMT for the practical examination are:

Section	Requirement
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• to physically apply the necessary skills of the EMT-Basic• to successfully complete, within a 12-month period prior to sitting for the written examination, all sections of a state-approved EMT-Basic practical examination that meets or exceeds the established criteria of the NREMT.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• verification by signature of the Program Director or the Service Director of Training/Operations of an acceptable level of competency in each of the following skill areas<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patient Assessment/Management - Trauma• Patient Assessment/Management - Medical• Cardiac Arrest Management/AED• Spinal Immobilization (Seated Patient)• Spinal Immobilization (Supine Patient)• Bag-Valve-Mask Apneic Patient with a Pulse• Long Bone Fracture Immobilization• Joint Dislocation Immobilization• Traction Splinting• Bleeding Control/Shock Management• Upper Airway Adjuncts and Suction• Mouth-to-Mask with Supplemental Oxygen• Supplemental Oxygen Administration

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Practical Examination (continued)

Section	Requirement
3	<p>Requires state-approved officials to verify, by signature, successful completion of a state-approved practical examination that, as a minimum, evaluates the following skills and meets or exceeds the established criteria of the National Registry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Station #1 – Patient Assessment/Management – Trauma• Station #2 – Patient Assessment/Management – Medical• Station #3 – Cardiac Arrest Management/AED• Station #4 – Spinal Immobilization (Seated or Supine Patient)• Station #5 – Bag-Valve-Mask Apneic Patient with a Pulse• Station #6 – Random Skill Station (one of the following)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Long Bone Immobilization• Joint Dislocation Immobilization• Traction Splinting• Bleeding Control/Shock Management• Upper Airway Adjuncts and Suction• Mouth to Mask with Supplemental Oxygen• Supplemental Oxygen Administration

Application

How to Obtain Applications

Individuals or TCOs can get applications by sending a request (TCO uses official letterhead) to:

**NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS
P O BOX 29233
6610 BUSCH BLVD
COLUMBUS OH 43229**

**Phone: (614) 888-4484
Web Site: <http://www.nremt.org>**

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Application, Continued

Application Information

The EMT application provides space for personal, education, and work experience information. In the space marked “Employed by,” military applicants should provide branch of service and rank/rate, as appropriate.

Returning Applications

The TCO forwards to the National Registry

- a letter on official stationery
- the application, and
- fees.

If a medical training coordinator from the base hospital returns completed applications to NREMT, he or she must coordinate actual testing dates and times with the TCO.

Program Materials and Assistance

Materials

Obtain brochures and pamphlets providing information concerning the Registry and its program by contacting the Registry directly or visit the NREMT website at <http://www.nremt.org>.

Assistance

Direct any questions concerning the following areas of the EMT Certification Program to the Registry:

- examination program
 - applicant qualifications
 - education/training requirements, or
 - any other matter
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Certification Criteria

Specific Certification Criteria

The following chart provides the certification criteria for the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians:

Eligible Personnel	Training	Practical Skill Competency
Patient/health care personnel, i.e.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RN • LPN • Surgical Technologist • Laboratory Technician • X-ray Technician • Orderly • Law Enforcement • Industrial Safety Personnel • Military Corpsman (without field service) • Emergency Ambulance • Rescue • Military Field Service • Military Independent Duty 	Successful completion of a state-approved National Standard EMT-Basic training program (minimum DOT 110-hour program) within the past 2 years. Note: If EMT training is not completed within a given time frame, evidence of approved refresher training, plus a current state card must be presented.	Prior to the submission of an acceptable application and sitting for the written examination, all candidates are required to successfully complete all sections of a state-approved EMT-Basic practical examination that equals or exceeds the established criteria of the National Registry.

Ordering (If Hospital Class Training, Please See Special Ordering Section on Page 10)

Ordering Examinations

When ordering NREMT certification examinations the TCO should:

Step	Action
1	Have the examinee complete the application form supplied by NREMT.
2	Review application form(s) for accuracy and completeness.
3	Forward applications to NREMT with a letter on official stationery.

Certification Fees

Fees	<p>The EMT Basic examination costs \$20. Payment should be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• By a check or money order made payable to the National Registry of Emergency Technicians and• Sent at the same time as the application.
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Administration

Administration	<p>The EMT certification examinations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can be scheduled by the TCO at his or her discretion.• Can be taken by eligible active duty military personnel• Can be taken by the following civilians on a space-available basis according to local command policy and Service regulations<ul style="list-style-type: none">• retired military personnel• military family members• veterans, and• U.S. federal employees• Is not funded unless existing regulations provide otherwise.
On-Demand Administration	<p>The Registry authorizes TCOs at DANTES Test Centers to administer the EMT Basic examination on demand. Allow at least 4 weeks for the Registry to process applications and forward the examination materials.</p>
Administration Instructions	<p>The test package contains complete instructions for the administration of the EMT Basic examination.</p>

Examination Scoring

Scoring	The written EMT Basic examination requires a passing score of 70 percent. The subtest scores identify areas of relative strength and weakness.
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Refunds

Refunds	Fees are refunded if an application is rejected. Fees <u>are not</u> refunded if NREMT accepted the application and <u>entered it into</u> the Registry's data processing system.
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Retesting

Retesting	NREMT accepts applications and fees for subsequent examinations from individuals failing the entire written examination. Retesting applicants must meet the current registration requirements.
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Certification Maintenance (EMT Basic)

Registration	Registration is required every 2 years.
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Reregistration	Registration due dates are established in reference to the date of initial registration:
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First 6 Months Registration	Last 6 Months Registration
Individuals initially registered during this period will revert to the beginning of that year for an anniversary date.	Individuals initially registered during this period will begin their biennium the first day of the following year.

Problems

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If the following materials are not received in a timely manner, inquire directly to the Registry:

- applications
- descriptive information
- examination materials
- examination scores, or
- certificates

Security

Test Loss or Compromise

If a National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians examination is lost or compromised, take following steps:

Step	Action
1	Observe examination security procedures as provided in Part I of this <i>Handbook</i> .
2	Contact DANTES <u>immediately</u> and refer to specific Service regulations for complete procedures. DANTES address is: DANTES Code 20F 6490 Saufley Field Road Pensacola, FL 32509-5243 DSN: 922-1360 CML: (850) 452-1360 FAX: (850) 452-1161
3	If an investigation is required, observe Service regulations and Part I of this <i>Handbook</i> , "DANTES Test Loss or Compromise Investigation Guidelines."
4	Provide a copy of Part I to the responsible investigating official/office.

WEB Pages

DANTES Web Address

The web address for DANTES is: <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>.

NREMT Web Address

The web address for NREMT is: <http://www.nremt.org/>

E-mail

The DANTES Certification Program E-mail address is:

Program Manager: certprog@voled.doded.mil.

Special ordering instructions for military hospital training course completions: Military hospital coordinators who are in charge of EMT training must work with the TCO at the base Education Center to properly order EMT exams. The TCO must sign off on the order sheet. The exams must be ordered, delivered, administered, and returned from the DANTES Test Center. The TCO is responsible for the exams.